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In re Patent Application of)
Evelyne PRAT et al) Group Art Unit: 1103 ✓
Application No.: 08/765,901 ✓) Examiner: S. Hendrickson ✓
Filed: January 7, 1997 ✓)
For: CONCENTRATED SUSPENSION)
PRECIPITATION SILICA,)
METHODS OF PREPARATION)
AND UTILISATIONS OF)
SAID SUSPENSION)

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed December 8, 1997, kindly amend
the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

22. (Once Amended) An aqueous suspension of precipitated silica, [which]
having a solids content [is] between 10 and 40% by weight, [which] a viscosity [is] lower
than 4×10^{-2} Pa.s at a shear rate of 50 s^{-1} and wherein the amount of silica present in the
supernatant obtained after centrifuging said suspension at 7500 revolutions per minute for 30
minutes represents more than 50 % of the weight of the silica present in the suspension.

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